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NO LUNCHEON OR DINNER OF THE CLUB IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 19th.

INSTEAD THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL SHOWING OF FILMS BY MEMBER - -

- CHARLES PERRY WEIMER -

AT THE JOHNNY VICTOR THEATRE, R C A EXHIBITION HALL, 40 WEST 49th ST.

TIME: 6:30 P.M. TO 8 P.M.

Members can drop into the Club before and after the films for refreshment.

WEIMER WILL SHOW AND NARRATE TWO NATURAL COLOR FILMS HE HAS PRODUCED. THE FIRST IS "CAVALCADE OF SOUTH AMERICA" AND THE SECOND IS "CAVALCADE OF THE CARIBBEAN".

Through his color films taken in 20 countries to the south, Weimer gives a clear picture of the places in today's news the revolution in Costa Rica and the recent revolution in Bogota, Colombia, are examples.

PERRY WILL ALSO SHOW THE COLOR FILMS HE TOOK FOR THE OPC AT OUR CELEBRATION OF BOLIVAR DAY ON JULY 24th, 1946, WHEN ALMOST 200 MEMBERS AND GUESTS GATHERED AT HOLIDAY LODGE, NORTHPORT (OWNED BY SANFORD GRIFFITH, MEMBER) FOR LUNCHEON AND AN ALL DAY OUTING OF SWIMMING, BOATING, MUSIC AND DANCING. THE CLUB ENTERTAINED AT THIS OUTING THE MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS OF LATIN AMERICA HERE IN NEW YORK AND MEMBERS OF THE PAN AMERICAN SOCIETY. IT WAS ARRANGED BY HAL LEE, EDITOR OF PAN AMERICAN MAGAZINE.

MEMBERS WILL BE ABLE TO SEE THESE EXCLUSIVE FILMS AND RECOGNIZE THOSE WHO WERE THERE (IN OR OUT OF BATHING SUITS.)

Send in your items of news of members for the Bulletin Send in your suggestions for speakers Write to W. W. Chaplin, President, if you are interested in serving on any of the standing committees.

Mark Barron of the Associated Press is very ill. He was taken to Bellevue Hospital with a heart attack. The Club has sent flowers.

"Placing the Displaced", first documentary of the D. P. emigration from Germany to the U.S., made in Munich by OPC member Martin Bursten and narrated by Raymond Massey, will be previewed in the Johnny Victor theatre of the RCA exhibition Hall at 4 P.M. on Thursday, May 20th. Marty extends an invitation to all OPC'ers to attend. Send him your reservation requests at 425 Lafayette St., New York, N.Y.

George Fielding Eliot, now in Palestine for the New York Post, "scooped" the story about the truce in that country. Forty eight other papers copied it from the Post.

Temple Fielding had the lead article in the last issue of the Saturday Evening Post. Called "Europe Makes Whoopee, Too", the piece tells about the hotspots of the Continent and North Africa.

Barbara Wace is leaving the New York office of Kemsley newspapers headed by another member, Frank Oliver. She will do free lance writing.

NOTICE..... IF YOU WISH TO USE THE CLUB AS A MAILING ADDRESS WHEN YOU ARE TRAVELING AROUND THE COUNTRY OR THE WORLD, SEND A LETTER TO THE SECRETARY.

Theodore White, who edited General Stillwell's diaries, has been advised that the Book Find Club, never an organization to side-step a controversial subject, will distribute the publication in late May.

Bob Considine, of "toga" fame for OPC, went to Mexico after the election---both to rest up as ex-prexy and to do some special stories for INS and King Features.

Members of the Overseas Press Club are invited to attend the unveiling of the Bust and Tablet for Walter Reed on Thursday, May 20th at 3 P.M. at the Hall of Fame. Mrs. Northbert Lyons, wife of one of our members, is an advisor to the Hall of Fame, a part of New York University. The ceremony will take place in the auditorium of the University at University Heights, 181st St., New York. Please advise the office if you will attend.

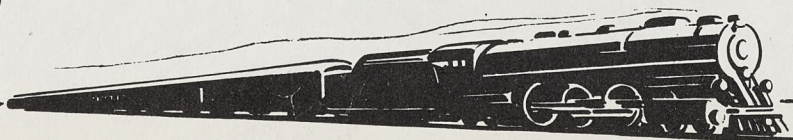
Eugene Lyons, contributing editor of Reader's Digest, tells "How Stalin Can Be Stopped" in the May issue of the American Mercury.

Simon Michael Bessie of Harper Brothers, says that Jack Belden will go to France later but at the moment is finishing a book about China which will be published by Harpers when it is finished..... Edd Johnson, formerly of the New Republic, is settling down to writing on a farm at Little River, Modoceno County, in California, which he bought several years ago.

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Bob Strother, formerly of Time-Life, and now with Foote, Cone and Belding, temporarily in charge of their office in Bienna, Switzerland, has been and will continue to be helpful to any wandering writers who care to drop in to see him. FCB there have a research department to pick up background material, suggest story possibilities and even produce a jug of grog for contemplation on ceremonial occasions. Bob Reuben, formerly of NBC, is with Strother and another "Bob", by name Lablonde, holds down the fort here in New York for FCB. All three are members.

Will Oursler, writes of "The Fastest Growing Hobby" (Model Aircraft) in the current issue of the American Legion magazine.

Matthew Huttner described the "Battle of the Bugs" in the May 2nd issue of This Week Magazine.

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The April 14th issue of the Bulletin, reporting the March 30th meeting of the Board of Governors, stated that "Leo Branham, vice president, deplored the fact that so many club members had gone into allied field of public relations and publicity." This was a misunderstanding. What Mr. Branham actually said in a written report of membership matters was: "I suggest that a wise, practical and realistic course for the future to concentrate upon the 'working' press, radio, magazine and photographic fields; less upon publicity and allied groups and guest classifications. In urging adoption of this policy, I am by no means suggesting that we shut the door to any person engaged in any work, or retired, who adequately meets the requirements for membership. I am merely suggesting that it would be far healthier to obtain more members actually engaged in journalistic pursuits."

Henry J. Taylor, Scripps Howard columnist and commentator on WOR, will have an article digesting some of his recent broadcasts in the June issue of Reader's Digest. Title of the article will be "Is Russia Prepared for a World War?"

John Hewlett's new book "Harlem Story" will be published soon. It is the third of a trilogy. Incidentally, John came to the Annual Meeting and met a former schoolmate of Riverside Academy, Virginia, whom he had not seen for twenty years. His name--Robert Brumby, columnist for McNaught Syndicate. Bob returned recently from a trip around the country covering the golf tournaments and several stories in Cuba and Florida. His profile of Petrillo appeared in Look magazine some time ago.

Landrum Bolling of ONA has been reporting the meeting on the European union at the Hague, Holland, for the Columbia Broadcasting Co.

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The following applications for membership in the OPC have been received in the office. They are posted here BEFORE BEING PASSED UPON BY THE ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE. Send in your complaints, recommendations and comments to the Secretary who will present them to the Admissions Committee (as soon as it is announced).

ACTIVE:

Fernand Auberjonois, International Division of NBC and U.S. correspondent of "Realities". Havas News Agency, 1932-34, Paris. PWB during North Africa campaign; Press Officer, SHAEF, liaison with French Press in 1944, Paris; Time-Life Int., Publishing Director, Paris, 1946, 1947.

Dean Jennings, contributor to Saturday Evening Post, Collier's, Reader's Digest, Coronet, etc. 1925-28, New York Herald Tribune, Paris; 1947-48, assignments in Europe for Saturday Evening Post, Reader's Digest, etc.

Bernard Lewis, staff of Publicity Associates. England and Germany from March 1944 to July 1946 with Information Control of GANA, German News Agency.

ASSOCIATE:

James Christie, Chief, Brazilian Section of the National Broadcasting Co. Brazil with U.S. Navy Press Intelligence 1943-44 and Chile from 1944 to 1945 on same assignment. In Colombia for Ninth International Conference for NBC, 1948.

Gabrielle Hammerstein, staff of the New York Daily News. Swiss Press from Dec. 1944 to March 1945; Syria, Al-Nasr, 1946; New York Daily News correspondent in Cairo and Constantinople since Dec. 1947.

RECENT EDITIONS TO THE CLUB LIBRARY:

CHINA'S DESTINY, by Chiang Kai-Shek from Frank Tao

MANCHURIA: CHINA'S GREAT NORTHEAST, from Frank Tao

FROM FIJI THROUGH PHILIPPINES, by Benjamin Lippincott, from John Goette

EVERBODY SLEPT HERE, by Elliott Arnold, from Duell, Sloane and Pearce

THE DIM VIEW, by Basil Heatter, from Victor Weybright of Penguin Books

THE BABE RUTH STORY, by Babe Ruth (Bob Considine), from Bob Considine

MEMOIRS OF CORDELL HULL (2 Vol.), by Cordell Hull, from Macmillan Company

ZULU WOMAN, by Rebecca H. Heyher, from Benn Hall

NEHRU ON GANDHI, by Jawaharal Nehru, from the John Day Company

A TRAVELER'S GUIDE TO FRANCE, by Stuart Murray, from the author

BIOGRAPHY OF THE EARTH, by George Gamow, from Pelican Books

TELL THE WEST, by Jerzy Gliksmann, from Gresham Press

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA, from the Chinese News Service

PLUNDER, by Samuel Hopkins Adams, from Random House

THE COLLECTED WAR TIME MESSAGES OF GENERALISSIMO CHIANG KAI SHEK (2 Vol.), from Frank Tao

IMPRINT OF A PUBLISHER, by Samuel T. Williamson, from Robert M. McBride Co.

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According to information from John Brogan of the International News Service, seven or eight of the INS men stationed around the world will be in New York for a special meeting around the middle of June, from the 12th to the 15th. Percy Forster, one of our members, from Argentina, will be here and will tell us the latest about the Peron Gov.

Members from Paris inform us that Paul Scott Mowrer of the New York Post will be back in New York around the first week in June. We hope to have him speak at our luncheon of June 2nd or June 9th.

R. Stuart Murray, reporter for the Pan American Magazine, spoke at the Luncheon of May 5th on the coverage of news in Bogota at the Inter-American conference. W.W. Chaplin presided and announced that meetings would begin promptly and end by 2 P.M. Among those present were Ed Beattie, formerly with the United Press, now in New York with the State Department; Miss Helen Vlachos, editor of the "Kathermini" of Athens, Greece, guest of Anthony Antonakakis; Jean Duroux, owner of the "Echo d'Alger", guest of Egbert White and Jack Connolly, of the State Department, who had been in Bogota with the U.S. delegation.

Stuart presented the club with an official flag of the Conference on which the signatures of seventeen of the American correspondents staying at the Hotel Astor in Bogota had signed their names. Hal Lee, editor of Pan American magazine, had the flag mounted and framed and it now hangs in the clubrooms.

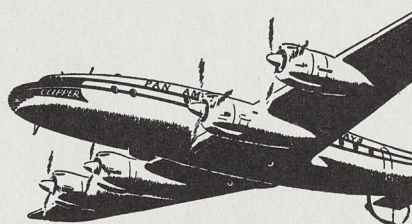
Chaplin introduced Murray as an "S.O.B." (no offense meant as it stands for "Survivor of Bogota"). (Two local newsmen were shot during the rioting.) The newsmen were blocked in the Hotel Astor which the Army had to guard. The press room at the Capitolia was completely demolished --- a narrow inner lobby of the Astor was made into a press room by the correspondents and all of those who had typewriters put them there for the use of everyone. Everyone pooled information and stories and none kept his scoops for himself, according to Murray. The All American Cable office was not looted because its front was uninviting and the correspondents filed through this office --- running the short blocks from the hotel to file their stories. When censorship was clamped down, Milton Bracker of the N.Y. Times, who got on the Army plane to Panama, carried stories from most of the newsmen which he filed when he got to Panama.

Hulio Garzon, editor of La Prensa, New York, said that Gaitan refused to cooperate with the less radical ranks of his liberal party and therefore had many enemies in his own group. "If the coup was not instigated by the Communists, then the incident was used to its fullest advantage", Murray said. "The looting and pillage was well organized immediately after the assassination."

Hester E. Hensell, Editor.

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